THE HON'BLE Ms. JUSTICE G.ROHINI

WRIT PETITION NO: 15965 of 2006

Dated: 01-08-2006

Between:

T.Chennakeshavulu

..... PETITIONER

AND

The Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise,
Government of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad
and another.

.....RESPONDENTS

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O R D E R:

This writ petition is filed seeking a declaration that the action of the respondents in not granting licence to the petitioner for running a bar and restaurant under the name and style of M/s Sri Rama Chandra Bar & Restaurant at Door No.6-25-2, Donka Roa, 1st lane, Arundalpet, Guntur, is arbitrary and illegal.

It is stated that the petitioner made an application in the prescribed form on 30-06-2006 itself and he has complied with all the requirements as prescribed under the Andhra Pradesh Excise (Grant of License of selling by Bar and Conditions of Licence) Rules, 2005. However, the respondents failed to consider the same and no orders have been passed so far. Hence, this writ petition.

When the matter is taken up for consideration, the learned Government Pleader for Prohibition and Excise, under instructions, states that in pursuance of the application made by the petitioner, on a preliminary enquiry it was found that the premises where the bar and restaurant is proposed to be located is situated within the prohibited distance of 100 meters from a Church and that further enquiry is being conducted and appropriate orders will be passed shortly.

In the circumstances, without expressing any opinion on merits, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the

respondents to consider the request of the petitioner for grant of bar licence and to pass appropriate orders within a period of one week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, and the same shall be communicated to the petitioner,. No costs.

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G. ROHINI, J

Dated: 01-08-2006
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